

## ARTICLE 17

### [JOINT COMMITTEE]

1. A Joint Committee is hereby established to supervise the proper implementation of this Agreement and to review the trade relationship between the Parties.
2. The functions of the Joint Committee shall include, inter alia:
  - a. reviewing the general functioning of this Agreement;
  - b. holding consultations with respect to any matter affecting the operation and the interpretation of this Agreement, as provided in Article 18;
  - c. reviewing the results of this Agreement, the experience gained during its functioning, and the objectives defined therein, and considering ways of improving trade relations between the Parties, including possible improvements in this Agreement. The adoption of any amendments shall be subject to the domestic legal requirements of both Parties;
  - d. reviewing the Declaration on Trade in Services.
3.
  - a. The Joint Committee shall be composed of representatives of the Parties and shall be headed by the United States Trade Representative and Israel's Minister of Industry and Trade or their designees.
  - b. The Joint Committee may establish working groups and delegate its powers to them.
4. Each party shall preside in turn over the Joint Committee, which shall convene at least once a year in regular session in order to review the general functioning of the Agreement. Special meetings of the Joint Committee shall also be convened within 21 days at the request of either Party. Regular sessions of the Joint Committee shall be held alternately in the two countries. The Joint Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.